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No. 2 C.I.A. Official Quits Post

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 — Richard J. Kerr, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, announced his resignation today, and President Bush is expected to appoint Rear Adm. William O. Studeman as Mr. Kerr's replacement, Administration officials said.

Admiral Studeman, who will be 52 years old on Thursday, is the director of the National Security Agency, which is responsible for global eavesdropping and the security of America's secret communications around the world.

The appointment of Admiral Studeman to the nation's No. 2 intelligence post was intended in part to give Robert M. Gates more influence over the Pentagon's intelligence activities.

Even though Mr. Gates, as Director of Central Intelligence, is technically responsible for the Central Intelligence Agency and the various related agencies throughout the Government, the Defense Department controls about 85 percent of the estimated \$30 billion budgeted annually for intelligence. In his confirmation hearings last fall, Mr. Gates vowed to curb unnecessary duplication among the intelligence agencies, and said the C.I.A.'s relationships

with the military "must be improved."

The Studeman appointment may also quiet lawmakers who have suggested that the Director of Central Intelligence be stripped of his wide-ranging responsibilities and be left only to run the C.I.A., and that a separate director be named as the President's "intelligence czar."

Admiral Studeman, a highly decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, has spent nearly his entire career in intelligence posts. From 1985 to 1988 he was Director of Naval Intelligence.

Mr. Kerr, 56, assumed the post of the nation's No. 2 intelligence officer in March 1989 and served briefly as Acting Director of Central Intelligence last fall, after the resignation of William H. Webster and before Mr. Gates's confirmation. He has worked at the C.I.A. for 32 years.

In testimony during the Senate confirmation hearings Mr. Kerr challenged Mr. Gates's memory, saying that in August 1986 he suggested to Mr. Gates the possibility that the White House might have been using profits from illegal arms sales to Iran to funnel money to the Nicaraguan rebels.

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CIA Deputy Director Is Retiring

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Kerr, 56, joined the CIA in 1960 and served as acting director last fall during the prolonged Senate confirmation hearings for CIA Director Robert M. Gates. Kerr will retire March 2.

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The resignation of Mr. Kerr, the No. 2 official under new CIA Director Gates, will take effect March 2.

In sworn testimony to the Senate Intelligence Committee last fall, Mr. Kerr said he had told Robert Gates, the current CIA director, in August 1986 about the possibility that money from arms sales to Iran was being diverted to aid administration-backed Contra rebels in Nicaragua. Mr. Gates denied any recollection of the conversation.

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The change appeared to have been motivated by a sweeping restructuring of the intelligence community undertaken by Gates in response to the changing world situation with the demise of the Soviet Union.

Gates is seeking a military man as his deputy - a tradition that existed at the agency until the late William Casey assumed office in 1981 - to coordinate the CIA's activities with the Pentagon.

The agency was stung during the Persian Gulf War by criticism that it was not sufficiently responsive to the needs of the military.

The proposed reorganization will likely blend various tasks with the Defense Intelligence Agency to do away with redundancy, and a deputy CIA director with military experience would be useful, said one agency insider.

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"Mr. Kerr has served the country and CIA with dedication and creativity for more than three decades," Fitzwater said. "The president has great respect for Dick and is grateful for his counsel and support throughout his administration."

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Richard Kerr resigns as CIA number two

WASHINGTON, Jan 14 (AFP) - The White House announced Tuesday the resignation of Richard Kerr from his post as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The White House said in a statement that Kerr was stepping down from post after 32 years with the CIA but gave no reason for his resignation, which will take effect March 2.

Kerr has been the No. 2 man at the CIA since March 1989 and he was acting director briefly before the Senate confirmed Robert Gates as director in November.

"He played a critical role in the recent transition at the CIA" during time when the world was undergoing upheaval, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said in a statement.

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■ **Balancing act.** In addition to placating skeptics on Capitol Hill, Robert Gates is also trying to win over his many nonadmirers at the CIA. One of his first moves in that direction will be the naming of a suitable deputy to replace Richard Kerr, retiring after 31 years at the agency. Gates is said to desire a No. 2 whose reputation will balance his own image as a tough guy. Evidently, he has found his man: Vice Adm. William Studeman, the affable Texan and career military intelligence specialist who now heads the supersecret National Security Agency.